or other High Courts have given any directions for regularisation of such wage-doctors, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The appointment of Medical Officers on monthly wage basis is purely a temporary arrangement made to tide over the situation created due to non-availability of doctors through regular channels. The appointment of Medical Officers on monthly wage basis after a break of one day after every spell of 90 days is treated as a fresh appointment and the candidate must be within the age limit of 35 years at the commencement of each fresh spell of appointment.

(d) No, Sir.

Entrance Examination for Medical Studies in the Post-Graduate Medical Institutions

156. DR. H. P. SHARMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of recent judgement of the Supreme Court a definite percentage of seats for post-graduate medical studies in various post-graduate medical institutions are to be filled on the basis of an all India competition irrespective of domicile restrictions as has been done for entrance test to M.B.B.S. courses; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in the matter and by when such first competition would be held, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the directions of the Supreme Court delivered in their judgement dated 21-7-1986, a revised scheme, formulated in consultation with the Medical Council of India, for holding All India Entrance Examination for admission to 25 per cent of the total seats in postgraduate Medical Courses has been submitted to the Supreme Court for approval. Clarifications have also been sought from the Supreme Court on certain points in connection with the All India Entrance Examination.

Meanwhile, pending further clarifications from the Supreme Court steps are being taken by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to hold the first All India Entrance Examination for admission to Post-graduate Medical Courses for the academic year commencing in 1988.

Location of Schools nearest the Students residences

157. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was made recently by Government to assess the number of school going children in the country;

(b) if so, when and what was the number of such schools going children in the age group of 6 and 14 years;

(c) whether Government are aware that there are a number of places in every State where the parents of children of said age group are unable to send their children to schools, due to the distance involved; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide schools for the children of this age group, nearest to their homes?